

Planning Board
Minutes
September 28, 2006

The Planning Board meeting convened at 6:34PM with the following members present: John MacMillan, Chairman; Joseph Kalagher; Bruce Whitney; Tom Ruble and Town Planner Eric Smith.

Bob MacLeod arrived at 6:45PM.

Agenda read by Chairman MacMillan.

Minutes of the September 14th Planning Board Meeting were approved on motion by Ruble with a second by Kalagher. Motion carried 4 in favor, 0 against.

Chairman Comments:

- Chairman MacMillan asked if any new developments occurred with Cashman Hill Estates and Lakeview Estates. No new developments since last meeting on Lakeview and it was mentioned no road work has begun on Cashman.
- Mass Smart Growth Alliance meeting held September 27, 2006. Discussion on using Town Barn site as pilot project. Looking at grants that could be available.
- Chairman MacMillan brought up that we neglected to assign a street number when we reviewed Robert Dufour plan on Proctor Street. Number was assigned tonight.

7:00PM – Open Discussion:

No one present for open discussion.

Town Planner Comments:

- Eric showed zoning map update printed on new printer.
- Eric working on two zoning articles for Town Meeting. To amend part of Flow Chemical property on Maple Avenue from Residential-A to Industrial. Would need a public hearing on October 26, 2006 to meet requirements. Second article to accept the provisions of G.L. c 39, section 23D which would allow a member of a committee to be able to vote if one meeting is missed. Would have to meet certain requirements.
- Draft job descriptions came out this week
- Lori Capone will be full time. She will cover for Sue Dembek until she returns.
- Reviewed proposal for new DPW reorganization.
- Eric noted S. Bates, on Hastings Road, will receive a letter stating fines and has until October 26, 2006 to respond.
- Eric reviewed highlights of the September 28, 2006 Monthly Town Planner Report. (On File)

7:30 PM – Athol Savings Bank – Storm water Concerns

Laurie Witta appeared before the Board to answer questions concerning drainage. She stated they tried catch basin cleaning but it didn't work. She said Dave Perry, who was also present, will do the repair work to correct problem. Dave explained the work to be done to replace piping and that he has a letter from Dave at the package store giving permission to go on his land. Another issue brought up was the opening and closing of the drive up windows. It was understood at time of approval both windows would be open during busy hours to prevent traffic backing up to Main Street. Laurie stated tellers are supposed to open the second window when it is busy. She will follow up with concern. The third issue discussed was the bright lighting. She was unaware of any

complaints. She will also follow up on this issue.

Correspondence

- Letter to Department Heads about petty cash
- Letter read about senior center book sale Columbus Day weekend
- Letter from City of Gardner Sewer Commissioners about flows
- Invoice for \$107.66 to Aspen Publishers for supplement to handbook.

8:00 PM – Land Siting Study

Colon Hand, Nate Malloy, and Beth Fenstermacher, Mass Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Studio Students were at the Board meeting to discuss plans on the study to be conducted. Also, present were Bob Fichtel from the Focus Committee and Colin Balogh from the former industrial Commission.

Eric updated as to what he has discussed with and supplied to the group.

Chairman MacMillan asked what they think there doing for us and asked what the process is.

Nate explained the process to the Board and the group answered questions presented to them. There was a lot of discussion on the potential parcels to look at. There will be a mid semester presentation and the final report will be in December.

Next PB meeting, October 5, 2006.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on motion by Ruble, seconded by Whitney. Voted 5 to 0 in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Bruce Whitney - Clerk